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SUBJECT: MEDIAN LINE DRAPUTE BETWEEN LIBYA AND MALTA

REF: VALLETTA 130

1. FROM HERE, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH PROSPECTS FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF MEDIAN LINE DISPUTE ARE DIM. NO PROGRESS ON MATTER SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN MADE DURING QADHAFI'S RECENT VISIT TO MALTA.

2. ESSO HERE TELLS US THAT THEY BATTLED MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM TO GET CLAUSE INSERTED IN THEIR EXPLORATION CONTRACT WHICH WOULD RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF DISPUTED AREA, AND GIVE THEM GROUNDS FOR REFUSING TO CONDUCT EXPLORATION UNTIL DISPUTE IS SETTLED. OVER LIBYAN OBJECTIONS, SUCH CLAUSE WAS PUT IN CONTRACT, BUT IN JAN MINISTRY ORDERED ESSO LIBYA, WHICH IS 51 PERCENT OWNED BY LIBYA, TO SEND CONTRACTOR'S EXPLORATION VESSEL INTO AREA ANYWAY. COMPANY OBJECTED, SAYING DISPUTE HAD NOT BEEN SETTLED, BUT COULD GET NO RECOGNITION FROM MINISTRY THAT DISPUTE EVEN EXISTED. ESSO WAS PLANNING TO CIRCUMVENT MINISTRY'S INSTRUCTIONS, AT LAST WORD.
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